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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF LARDINOIS'S LETTER OF MARCH 16, 1976

TO SECRETARY BUTZ CONCERNING NFDM DISPOSAL MATTERS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF EC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS' LETTER NO. 7194 TO SECRETARY BUTZ. IT CONTAINS A DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF NFDM SURPLUS STOCKS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMS THAT ALRDINOIS INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL TO "BRING ABOUT A BETTER BLANCE BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF DAIRY PRODUCTION AND ITS UTILIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY." WE ARE AIR-MAILING THE ORIGINAL DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY BUTZ.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR EARL,

REFERRING TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL MOVE THIS YEAR AN EXTRA OF APPROXIMATELY 70,000 TONNES OF SKIMMED MILKPOWDER BY THE FOLLOWING MEASURES.

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- AN EXCEPTIONAL AND ONCE FOR ALL SCHEME OF 400,000 TONNES OBLIG-

ATORY INCORPORATED IN ANIMAL FEEDS (PORK-POULTRY) DURING A PERIOD OF MAXIMUM SEVEN MONTHS , ENDING 31 OCTOBER 1976.

- FOOD AID PROGRAM OF 200,000 TONNES OF WHICH IT IS EXPECTED TO SHIP 150,000 TONNES IN 1976.

- AN EXTRA UTILISATION OF 200,000 TONNES IN ANIMAL FEED (NOTABLY MILK REPLACERS) THROUGH A PRESCRIPTION OF A MINIMUM CONTENT OF 60 TO 65 PERCENT SKIMMED MILK POWDER IN THE FINAL FEED. BY THESE EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES, TOGETHER WITH THE CURRENT PROGRAMS, WE WILL REACH AT THE END OF THIS MARKETING YEAR A LEVEL OF STOCKS OF APPROXIMATELY 800.000 TONNES, COMPARED WITH TODAY'S LEVEL OF 1,2 MILLION TONNES.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS, DEAR FRIEND, THAT THE ONCE FOR ALL INCORPORATION SCHEME IS PARTLY OFFSET BY A STOCKPILING PROGRAM OF VEGETABLE PROTEINS , AS I INDICATED DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN CAMP DAVID.

LONG TERM PROGRAMS.

IT IS MY INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW A PRUDENT PRICE POLICY IN THE MILK-SECTOR. THIS PRUDENT PRICE POLICY HAS BEEN EMPHASISED THIS YEAR BY THE RELATIVE DECLINE IN THE SUPPORT PRICE OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER, BECAUSE OF THE MARKET PROBLEMS IN THAT SECTOR.

FURTHERMORE THE COUNCIL HAS FINALLY COMMITTED ITSELF TO IMPLEMENTING A FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION BY MILK PRODUCERS, TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF DAIRY PRODUCTION AND ITS UTILISATION IN THE COMMUNITY. TO THIS END I WILL PRESENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BEFORE THE END OF JULY OF THIS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME THE COUNCIL WILL ADOPT A PREMIUM SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE THE NON-MARKETING OF MILK BY SMALLER PRODUCERS. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD OVER TIME LEAD TO A REDUCTION OF MILK-DELIVERIES OF ABOUT 2 MILLION TONNES OF MILK ANNUALLY. WHILE THE UTILISATION OF LIQUID SKIMMED MILK AT FARM LEVEL HAS BEEN DECREASING OVER RECENT YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY, IT IS MY FIRM INTENTION TO INITIATE A PROGRAM- MAINLY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MILK PRODUCER - TO REVERSE THIS TREND. THEREBY REDUCING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER SIGNIFICANTLY.

FINALLY MY DEAR FRIEND, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED OUR DISCUSSION IN CAMP DAVID. I CONSIDER THIS KIND OF MUTUAL POLICY INFORMATION AND OUR UNDERSTANDING- TO-UNDERSTAND BASIC FOR A PRACTICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMUNITY. YOUR SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) (SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE)

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